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FOR SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR WEST IN TAIF

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, EG, IF SA
SUBJ: SADAT/BEGIN MEETING AT CAMP DAVID

1. CROWN PRINCE FAHD WAS IN RIYADH. PRINCE SAUD IN TAIF, BUT I WAS UNABLE TO GET TO HIM UNTIL 2000 HOURS. IN ANY EVENT, I DELIVERED MESSAGE TO PRINCE SAUD THAT PM BEGIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO MEET WITH HIM AT CAMP DAVID ON SEPTEMBER 5. I STRESSED THAT SECRETARY HAD ASKED ME TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRIOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON, AND THAT I REGRETTED THAT I WAS UNABLE TO GET TO HIM PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT HE WAS NEVERTHE- LESS APPRECIATIVE OF SECRETARY'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN TRYING TO INFORM SAG BEFOREHAND.

2. I ALSO CONVEYED TO PRINCE SAUD THAT SECRETARY'S ASSURANCE THAT U.S. HAD NOT BACKED AWAY FROM ITS PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AND THAT SAUDIS INTERPRETATION OF ATHERTON'S NOTE WAS UNFORTUNATE MISUNDERSTANDING. PRINCE SAUD WAS VISIBLY PLEASED WITH REASSURANCES AND ASKED ME TO THANK THE SECRETARY FOR THIS EXPLANATION.

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3. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE MEETING AT CAMP DAVID WOULD PRODUCE SOME TANGIBLE PROGRESS IN PEACE PROCESS. THIS MEETING WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT SINCE EVERYBODY WILL BE ON THE SPOT AND WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. AS FAR AS SADAT IS CONCERNED, HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT THERE IS

TO GIVE. IN FACT, IF HE GIVES ANY MORE IT WILL BE BAD FOR HIM. FOR THE MEETING TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR SADAT, IT HAS TO PRODUCE A CLEAR STATEMENT ON TWO THINGS, I.E., WITHDRAWAL AND SELF-DETERMINATION. I AGREED WITH PRINCE SAUD THAT CAMP DAVID MEETING WAS VERY IMPORTANT, AND I ASSURED HIM THAT U.S. WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET SOME PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

4. I TOLD PRINCE SAUD THAT ATHERTON WAS ARRIVING IN TAIF ON AUGUST 9 AT EIGHT IN THE EVENING. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT SAG WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR ATHERTON AND HE SET MEETING WITH HIMSELF FOR 2200 HOURS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CROWN PRINCE FAHD WILL BE RETURNING FROM RIYADH ON AUGUST 9 AND THAT ATHERTON MEETING WITH HIM WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW MEETING WITH PRINCE SAUD.
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